Banning strikes In Public Sector Airlines

13. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to ban strikes in Public Sector Airlines;

(b) whether the talks with the Indian Airlines pilots to resolve the three month old strike continues to fail;

(c) whether the proposal to put a ban on strike would achieve any purposeful results; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) The strike by Indian Commercial Pilots Association which started on 10-12-92 was called off on 24-1-1993.

Promotion of foreign owned companies in domestic air service

14. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to promote foreign owned companies in domestic air traffic; and

(b) if so, how would Government regulate their tariffs, so that the Indian companies do not suffer from unfair competition?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Acquisition of aircraft by Indian Airlines during strike period

15. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the type, name and quantity of foreign aircraft got by the Indian Airlines on wet lease during the strike period of December, 1992 and January, 1993;

(b) the total amount of expenditure incurred by Indian Airlines on this account;

(c) the reasons for the crash of one such aircraft in Delhi; and

(d) whether Indian Airlines will have to bear any damages due to the crash and what is the likely amount of such damage?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Indian Airlines hired four TU-154 aircraft from M/s Uzbekistan Airways and three TU-154 aircraft from M/s Balkan Bulgarian Airlines at an expenditure of about Rs. 3.30 crores and Rs. 1.60 crores respectively towards lease charges, positioning/re-positioning of aircraft, Crew hotel accommodation and allowance etc.

(c) A Court of Inquiry has been instituted to hold a formal investigation of the accident.

(d) Indian Airlines will not have to bear damages for the loss of aircraft since it is the responsibility of the lessor to insure the aircraft. Compensation payable by Indian Airlines to the passengers on ac-